

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 27**  
**INCIDENT NO. 97-003**  
**DATE: February 11, 1997      TIME: 12:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Winter storms and blizzard conditions statewide.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: Blowing snow during the February 8-9 weekend impacted snow removal efforts in Barnes, Foster, LaMoure, Stutsman and Ward Counties.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:  
  
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
  
STATE: No change from previous reports.  
  
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Twenty-four hour operations ended February 10 at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). National Guard members had been staffing the EOC around the clock. The EOC operation hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The N.D. Division of Emergency Management will resume its normal practice of contacting its React Officer after hours through State Radio Communications.

The Disaster Field Office (DFO) has received 133 Notice of Interests (NOIs) to participate in the public assistance program. These NOIs have been submitted by one rural water district, two state agencies, three Indian Reservations, 39 counties and 88 cities. Billings County officials submitted a letter indicating that although they had issued a declaration they will not be applying for assistance.

A training session will be conducted February 12 for four additional state inspectors hired to write and review Damage Survey Reports (DSRs). These inspectors will join state and federal employees staffing four satellite offices. The state staff includes four managers, six reviewers and 25 inspectors. The federal staff includes four managers, six reviewers and 24 inspectors.

A N.D. National Guard dozer crew completed dozer work in Walsh County on February 10,

and was waiting reassignment. Thirteen other National Guard dozer crews continue to work in Barnes, Dickey, Eddy, Foster, Grant, Grant, LaMoure, Logan, Nelson, Ransom and Stutsman Counties. Crews are operating 28 dozers, 28 tractor-trailers, 25 support vehicles and one grader.

The N.D. Department of Transportation (N.D. DOT) has extended its use of contractors in the Valley City District until February 15. Contractors also are working in the Fargo and Grand Forks District, assisting N.D. DOT crews to push back snow. The N.D. DOT also expects contractors to complete work in those two districts by February 15.

Emergency snow removal work has been completed to date in 20 counties and two Indian Reservations. Areas where work was most recently finished include Benson, Hettinger, Pembina, Pierce and Richland Counties.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: The North Dakota weather forecast for February 11 calls for flurries during morning hours and temperatures of 15 to 25 above. Northwest winds of 15 to 25 miles per hour (mph) will create blowing snow, especially in open areas.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports and photos of snow removal efforts are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is: "<http://www.state.nd.us/dem>".

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